

River Valley Services  
**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**  
Recovery Support Specialist Trainee - RV98209

**PLEASE FOLLOW THE SPECIFIC APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE!**

**Open To:** State Employees  
**Location:** River Valley Services  
**Program/Unit:** Managed Service System/Wellness and Recovery Center  
**Shift/Schedule/Hours:** 1<sup>st</sup>; Mon, Tues. Weds, & Thurs., 9:30 to 1 PM. (14 Hrs.)  
**Salary:** \$18.57/per hr

**Posting Date:** May 27, 2011

**Closing Date:** June 2, 2011

**Duties may include but not limited to:** Recovery Support Specialists provide a wide range of peer support and rehabilitation services including recovery education, illness management and structured leisure groups for individuals with serious mental illnesses and co-occurring disorders. Recovery Support Specialists serve as role models to consumers and help provide and promote an atmosphere of trust, direction, hope, safety and well being. They provide support and teach skills that help consumers acquire, develop and expand their skills needed to move forward in recovery. Peer Support services are provided one-to-one or in groups. Services are multi-faceted and emphasize areas such as self-worth, choice, personal growth, connection, boundary setting, crisis management, education, communication, use of community resources, meaningful activity and work.

**General Experience and Training:** Completion of the Recovery Support Specialist Certification.

**COPY OF REQUIRED CERTIFICATION NEEDS TO BE FAXED OR MAILED IN WITH APPLICATION.**

**Special Requirement:** Incumbents in this class are required to possess and maintain a valid Motor Vehicle Operator's license.

**Career Progression:** After completion of six (6) months of successful and satisfactory performance as a Recovery Support Specialist Trainee, an incumbent will be moved to the Recovery Support Specialist classification (on the first pay period following the completion of the six (6) month requirement).

**Eligibility Requirement:** State employees currently holding the above title or those who have previously attained permanent status may apply for lateral transfer.

**Note:** The filling of this position will be in accordance with reemployment, SEBAC, transfer, promotion and merit employment rules, if applicable.

**Application Instructions:** Due to the large number of lateral transfer forms and applications received, it is extremely important to note the **Position Number (found on the posting)** on the DMHAS Lateral Transfer Request Form (**upper right-hand corner**) and at the bottom of Page One of the State of Connecticut Application for Examination or Employment (CT-HR-12)

**To be considered for this position:**

1. **DMHAS employees who are lateral transfer candidates** (ex. Mental Health Assistant 1 applying to a Mental Health Assistant 1 posting) must submit a completed DMHAS Lateral Transfer Form. Lateral Transfer Request Forms received without a position number will not be processed
2. **DMHAS employees who are promotional candidates** must submit pages 1-7 of the State of Connecticut Application for Examination and Employment (CT-HR-12). The position number must be noted at the bottom of Page One of the State of Connecticut Application (CT-HR-12).
3. **All other State Employees:** Individuals must complete a State Employment Application for Examination and Employment (CT-HR-12). Resumes and Curriculum Vitae can be provided as supplemental information but will only be accepted if attached to a fully completed application.

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The DMHAS Lateral Transfer Request Form, State of Connecticut Application for Examination or Employment (CT-HR-12) and postings can be found on the DMHAS website at [www.ct.gov/dmhas/employmentopportunities](http://www.ct.gov/dmhas/employmentopportunities).

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